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**TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL – MARCH 4, 2014**

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At 9:02 p.m., the City Council adjourned to Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular session at 5:31 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 in the Council Chamber at Torrance City Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Ashcraft, Barnett, Brewer, Furey, Sutherland, Weideman and Mayor Scotto.

Absent: None.

Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, Deputy City Clerk Poirier and other staff representatives.

Agenda Item 18 was considered out of order at this time.

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The City Council immediately recessed to closed session to confer with the City Manager and the City Attorney on agenda matters listed under 18A) Conference with Labor Negotiator and 18B) Real Property – Conference with Real Property Negotiator, pursuant to California Government Code §54957.6 and §54956.8.

The City Council reconvened at 7:04 p.m. with all members present. No formal action was taken on any matter considered in closed session.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION**

The flag salute was led by Donna Dunlap, Torrance Sister City Association.

The non-sectarian invocation was given by Councilmember Sutherland.

**3. REPORT OF CITY CLERK ON POSTING OF THE AGENDA/ MOTION TO  
WAIVE FURTHER READING**

Deputy City Clerk Poirier reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard on Thursday, February 27, 2014.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Brewer moved that after the City Clerk has read aloud the number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, the further reading thereof shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and passed by unanimous vote.

**4. WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

No items were withdrawn or deferred; supplemental material was available for Item 12E.

**5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Fire Chief Racowschi announced that ExxonMobil will be conducting their monthly Community Alert Siren testing on Wednesday, March 5, at approximately 11:30 a.m., with additional information available at 310.212.1852.

City Clerk Herbers announced that nominations for mayor, councilmember, and city treasurer would remain open until Friday, March 7, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. and that the nomination period for city clerk will be extended to March 12 because she was not seeking reelection. She noted that while City Hall will be closed on March 7, her office will be open to provide assistance on an appointment-only basis, with additional information available at 310.618.2870.

City Clerk Herbers also announced that a new website [www.TorranceVotes.org](http://www.TorranceVotes.org) will be launched next week with full information on any and all aspects of the election to be held on June 3, 2014.

City Clerk Herbers announced that reservations for a free Commissioner Certification Training class to be held on Thursday, April 24, at 6:00 p.m. are now open at [www.TorranceCA.gov/CommissionerCert.htm](http://www.TorranceCA.gov/CommissionerCert.htm) and this class is required to be able to apply for appointment to any of the City's ten commission and boards.

City Clerk Herbers invited staff and public to view the mixed media photographs by Torrance Artist Guild member Diane Reeves on display in the City Clerk's office for the month of March.

Mayor Scotto announced that CitiCABLE will be debuting a new live program NEWSBREAK LIVE which will begin at the first break of the meeting this evening and will continue each Tuesday night featuring news trending in Torrance.

Mayor Scotto noted that tonight was Sue Herber's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as City Clerk and offered his congratulations.

## **6. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

### **6A. PRESENTATION OF JARED SIDNEY TORRANCE AWARD OF MERIT**

Mayor Scotto presented the prestigious Jared Sidney Award of Merit to Maureen O'Donnell and Hazel Taniguchi in recognition of their many years of dedicated service to the community following a brief history of their volunteer work and accomplishments.

The City Council recessed from 7:37 p.m. to 8:07 p.m.

## **7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1**

**7A.** Bob Chiota and Joel Massa, South Bay Bocce Ball Courts Project, announced that a fundraiser/bocce ball tournament will be held on Saturday, March 22, at 9:00 a.m. at Hawthorne Memorial Park, which will include a raffle and prizes.

**7B.** Margaret Lindsey, Torrance, announced that Destination Art, a Torrance-based non-profit organization seeking to raise funds for an art studio/gallery to house local artists, will be holding a fundraiser "Chasing the Dream" on Saturday, March 8, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the Malaga Cove Library Gallery, which will include an art sale, raffle and silent auction, with additional information available at [www.Destination-Art.net](http://www.Destination-Art.net).

**7C.** Mark Stephenson, Torrance, disputed assertions that CalPERS pension debt will be eliminated within 25 years due to increases in contributions.

## **8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **8A. JANUARY 2014 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT**

Considered separately, see below.

**8B. AGREEMENT RE CITYWIDE SIDEWALK RAMPING AND GRINDING PROGRAM**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a public works agreement with Hardy & Harper, Inc. in the amount of \$109,140 for construction of the Citywide Sidewalk Ramping and Grinding Program, I-152 (Fiscal Year 2013-2014) (B2014-08) and authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$5,457.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Brewer moved for the approval of Consent Calendar Item 8A. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

Consent Calendar Item 8A was considered separately at this time.

**8A. JANUARY 2014 MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for January 2014.

Mark Stephenson, Torrance, requested clarification regarding Redevelopment Successor Agency debt and reserve requirements, which was provided by staff.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Brewer moved to accept and file the report. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

**12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**12A. RESOLUTION RE INTENTION TO REDUCE INDUSTRIAL DISABILITY ALLOWANCE**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a RESOLUTION OF INTENTION for California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) to reduce industrial disability allowance for all newly hired employees in Torrance Police Officers Association (TPOA), Torrance Police Commanders Association (TPCA) and Safety Management.

Assistant to the City Manager Chaparyan reported that proposed resolution provides that new employees hired after January 1, 2014 will have an industrial disability allowance of 50% rather than the current 90%, which will gradually reduce the City's costs for this benefit.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Weideman moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-21**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF  
ADMINISTRATION CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Weideman moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-21. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

**12B. RESOLUTION RE MOU FOR TORRANCE FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a Resolution pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) setting forth the hours, wages, and working conditions for employees represented by the Torrance Fire Fighters Association for the period February 23, 2014 to June 30, 2017 and repeal Resolution 2012-96 in its entirety.

Assistant to the City Manager Chaparyan reported that MOU provides for increases in pay of 2.1% in Year 1, 2.0% in Year 2, and 3.0% in Year 3 for a total of 7.1% over 41 months.

In response to Councilmember Weideman's inquiry, Assistant to the City Manager Chaparyan confirmed that the MOU also provides for a reduction in the industrial disability allowance from 90% to 50% for new hires.

Mark Stephenson, resident, requested clarification regarding provisions contained in the MOU regarding longevity pay and industrial disability retirement, which was provided by Assistant to the City Manager Chaparyan.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Weideman moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ashcraft and passed by unanimous vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-22**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES  
REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION (TFFA) FOR  
THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 23, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017 AND  
REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2012-96

**MOTION:** Councilmember Weideman moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-22. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

**12C. CONSIDERATION OF POSITION ON PROPOSITION 13**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Council Ad Hoc State Legislative Advocacy Committee that City Council reaffirm support for Proposition 13 pertaining to property tax assessment.

Mayor Scotto, chair of the City Council Ad Hoc State Legislative Advocacy Committee, reported that the Committee met on February 25, 2014 to discuss potential legislation that would revise Proposition 13; that a presentation was given by Jeff Keirnan, Regional Public Affairs Manager for the League of California Cities; and that the Committee was recommending that the Council approve a resolution affirming support of Proposition 13 to be forwarded to the governor.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Brewer moved to concur with the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

**12D. PACIFIC WORKFORCE INVESTMENT NETWORK RFP DRAFT**

**Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Council Ad Hoc Federal Legislative Advocacy Committee that City Council gather performance data and explore options for services with other Workforce Investment Boards prior to considering the draft Request for Proposal by Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network for youth services.

Mayor Scotto, chair of the City Council Ad Hoc Federal Legislative Advocacy Committee, reported that the Committee met on February 25, 2014 to review the draft Request for Proposal (RFP) by Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network (PGWIN) to provide youth services for the cities of Torrance and Lomita; that attendees included Lomita City Councilmembers Mark Waronek and James Gazeley; and that it was the consensus of the Committee to defer action on the RFP until both Torrance and Lomita City Councils are provided with a detailed account of services that have provided for the respective cities. He noted that the Committee also requested that City staff explore other options for receiving these services.

Councilmember Furey, member of the Ad Hoc Federal Legislative Advocacy Committee, explained that the City Council has been dissatisfied with the services provided by PGWIN, which is administered by the City of Long Beach, and he believes the City would be better served by an agency based in the South Bay.

Mayor Scotto further explained that Lomita and Torrance are allocated \$800,000 per year for job training and job placement services and they have not been receiving their fair share since the funds have been administered by PGWIN.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Furey moved to concur with the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

## **12E. RESOLUTION RE MOU FOR TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION**

### **Recommendation**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a Memorandum of Understanding Resolution setting forth the hours, wages, and working conditions for employees represented by the Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association (TPSA) for the period February 23, 2014 to December 31, 2017 and repeal Resolution 2011-79 in its entirety. Expenditure: 2.1 % Year 1; 2.0% Year 2 and 4.0% Year 3 of contract for a total package of 8.1 over 47 months.

Human Resources Manager Lawrence noted supplemental material available at the meeting correcting the Year 1 rate from 2.0% to 2.1%. She briefly reviewed the other changes in the Memorandum of Understanding.

Mark Stephenson, resident, contended that the provision providing for employee relations leave (Article 9, Section 9.5) violates Article XVI of the California Constitution as it amounts to a gift of public funds.

City Attorney Fellows advised that Article XVI applies to the California Legislature and it does not apply to the City of Torrance, which is a Charter City.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Brewer moved to concur with the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barnett and passed by unanimous vote.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-26**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
SETTING FORTH HOURS, WAGES, AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES  
REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY  
ASSOCIATION (TPSA) FOR THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 23, 2014 THROUGH  
DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2011-78

**MOTION:** Councilmember Weideman moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-26. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Furey and passed by unanimous vote.

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

**17A.** Councilmember Sutherland expressed appreciation to all the volunteers who donate their time and talent to make the City of Torrance a better place.

**17B.** Councilmember Weideman announced that the Torrance Fire Fighters Association's 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 8, from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Ken Miller Recreation Center.

**17C.** Councilmember Brewer announced that the Torrance Education Foundation's "Celebrate Education" dinner will be held on Friday, March 28, at the Marriott Hotel, which will include the raffle of a 2014 Lexus RX350 generously donated by Toyota Motor Sales USA. He noted that raffle tickets are \$30, \$20 of which goes directly to the designated school organization, with additional information available at [www.TorranceEducationFoundation.org](http://www.TorranceEducationFoundation.org).

**17D.** Mayor Scotto offered a reminder that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the 555 Maple Avenue Multi-Use Sports Fields will be held on Wednesday, March 26, at 4:30 p.m.

**17E.** Mayor Scotto, with the concurrence of Council, directed staff to bring forward an item allowing him to appoint a special City Council Ad Hoc Committee to develop a regional strategy to continue funding for the Southern California Regional Occupational Center.

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:02 p.m., the City Council adjourned to Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Attest: /s/ Frank Scotto  
Mayor of the City of Torrance

/s/ Sue Herbers  
Sue Herbers, CMC  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved on April 15, 2014